

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
SAFE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND  
WORKSHEET FOR CEQA EXEMPTIONS**

*(To be completed by applicant – attach Notice of Exemption, findings, and additional sheets as needed)*

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Name of project:\_\_\_\_\_
2. Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund project number:\_\_\_\_\_
3. Name of applicant/water system:\_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION** *(fill in blanks or provide attachment, e.g., application description)*

1. Project location (give description of the precise location and boundaries and attach a location map if available):\_\_\_\_\_
2. Facilities (indicate whether they are new, modifications, removals, or replacements.)
  - a. Treatment facilities (give size and capacities):\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Storage facilities
    - (1) Tanks (physical dimensions and capacity):\_\_\_\_\_
    - (2) Open reservoirs (surface area and capacity):\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Transmission facilities (give size of pumps and size and length of pipelines indicating if they are in rights-of-way):\_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Distribution facilities (give size of pumps and size and length of mains):\_\_\_\_\_

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Appurtenant structures: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Parking facilities: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Access roads: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Staging areas: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
3. Describe any grading or excavation work: \_\_\_\_\_
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***REASONS WHY THE PROJECT IS CONSIDERED EXEMPT***

**Check appropriate box(es))**

1. CCR, Title 22, Section 60101 Specific Activities Within Categorical Exemption Classes

(a) Class 1: Existing Facilities

(1) Addition, deletion, or modification of:

1. ☐ Mechanical controls for:
- a. ☐ Water treatment units
- b. ☐ Water supply systems
- c. ☐ Pump station buildings
2. ☐ Electrical controls for:
- a. ☐ Water treatment units
- b. ☐ Water supply systems
- c. ☐ Pump station buildings
3. ☐ Hydraulic controls for:
- a. ☐ Water treatment units
- b. ☐ Water supply systems
- c. ☐ Pump station buildings

(2) Maintenance, repair, replacement, or reconstruction to any water treatment process units, including:

1. ☐ Structures.
2. ☐ Filters
3. ☐ Pumps
4. ☐ Chlorinators

(b) Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction.

(1) Repair or replacement of:

1. ☐ Water service connections
2. ☐ Meters
3. ☐ Valves for:
- a. ☐ Backflow prevention
- b. ☐ Air release

- c. ☐ Pressure regulation
  - d. ☐ Shut-off
  - e. ☐ Blow-off
  - f. ☐ Flushing
- (2) Replacement or reconstruction of:
- 1. ☐ Existing water supply distribution lines of **substantially the same size**. Describe any size increase: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. ☐ Storage tanks and reservoirs of **substantially the same size**. Describe any size increase: \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Replacement or reconstruction of:
- 1. ☐ Water wells of **substantially the same capacity**. Describe any capacity increase: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. ☐ Pump stations and related appurtenances of **substantially the same capacity**. Describe any capacity increase: \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Class 3: New Construction of Small Structures:
- (1) ☐ Construction of water supply and distribution lines of less than sixteen inches in diameter, and related appurtenances.
  - (2) ☐ Construction of any water storage tanks and reservoirs of less than 100,000-gallon capacity.
- (d) Class 4: Minor Alterations to land.
- (1) ☐ Minor alterations to land, water or vegetation on any officially existing designated wildlife management areas or fish production facilities for the purpose of reducing the environmental potential for nuisances or vector production.
  - (2) ☐ Any minor alterations to highway crossing for water supply and distribution lines.
2. CCR, Title 14 (CEQA Guidelines).
- (a) ☐ Section 15269 (a) statutory exemption for declared emergencies
  - (b) ☐ Section 15269 (b) statutory exemption for emergency repairs
  - (c) ☐ Section 15269 (c) statutory exemption for emergency prevention
  - (d) ☐ Section 15282 (l) statutory exemption for right-of-way pipelines <1mile
  - (e) ☐ Section 15282 (n) statutory exemption for water fluoridation facilities
  - (f) ☐ Other (list specific code reference) \_\_\_\_\_

## EXCEPTIONS

- A. **Location in an area of Critical Concern (For Categorical Exemption Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11):** Could the project result in impacts with regards to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies? Discuss below all items checked yes (attach additional sheets as necessary). Some items are repeated under the Federal Crosscutters Section and

*may be referenced here if applicable.*

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special status species.
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Critical habitat (for special status species)
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unique habitat (e.g., wildlife refuge, deer wintering range, etc.).
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Important farmland
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wetlands
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wild and scenic rivers
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Officially designated scenic area
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Archeological sites.
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floodplains
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Areas of hazardous concern
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

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**B. Unusual Circumstances (For All Categorical Exemptions):** Evaluate the following elements to determine if there are any unusual circumstances. For any "Yes" answers discuss the possibility of significant environmental impact resulting from the unusual circumstance. Consider all facilities; conveyance lines; storage, points of diversion; staging areas; and affected service area as applicable. Use attachments if necessary.

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In an area of undisturbed, unique, or high-quality habitat.
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On or adjacent to wildlife migration routes.
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In an area of unique recreational facilities or resources.
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On or adjacent to a unique stream or water body.
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Involves removal of mature, scenic trees (class 4).
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Involves grading in a waterway or wetland (class 4).
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Involves a substantial alteration of ground contours.
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Involves new or increased use of a critically depleted groundwater basin or groundwater basin subject to salinity intrusion.
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In an area with important mineral resources.
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Involves production of significant amounts of solid wastes or litter.
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Involves substantial new or increased emission of dust, ash, smoke, fumes, odors, or other pollutants.
12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Involves substantial change in noise or vibration levels in vicinity (beyond the property line).
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In an area of sensitive noise receptors.
14.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On slopes of 10 percent or more or on highly erodible soil.
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In an officially mapped area of severe geologic hazard (class 4).
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Involves new or increased use or disposal of hazardous materials, flammables, or explosives.

17. ☐ ☐ Involves substantial change in demand for municipal services.  
18. ☐ ☐ Involves traffic impacts in an area with traffic problems.  
19. ☐ ☐ Involves substantial increase in fuel consumption (electricity, oil, natural gas, etc.).

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**C. Cumulative Impacts for All Categorical Exemptions**

- Yes No**  
1. ☐ ☐ Does the project involve cumulative impacts associated with successive projects of the same type in the same place? If yes, discuss the significance of the impacts.

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**D. Scenic Highways (For All Categorical Exemptions): Will the project result in damage to any of the following scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway (excluding improvements required as mitigation by an adopted Negative Declaration or certified EIR)**

- Yes No**  
1. ☐ ☐ Trees  
2. ☐ ☐ Historic buildings  
3. ☐ ☐ Rock outcroppings  
4. ☐ ☐ Other similar resources

**E. Hazardous Waste Sites (For All Categorical Exemptions)**

- Yes No**  
1. ☐ ☐ Is the project located on a site that is included on any list compiled by Department of Toxic Substances Control pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code?

**F. Historical Resources (For All Categorical Exemptions)**

- Yes No**  
1. ☐ ☐ Is there a potential for the project to cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource?  
Basis for determination: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**A. Historic and prehistoric archeological sites, architecture, landscapes, features, structures, or objects and traditional cultural places (e.g. sacred lands): Attach record search results, survey reports, and correspondence required for compliance with the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**

- Explanation.** \_\_\_\_\_
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***I. Federal air quality non-attainment area  
(including maintenance areas)*** ☐ **yes** ☐ **no** ☐ **unknown**

1. If “yes” or “unknown”, estimate annual priority pollutant emissions:

Pollutant		Emissions (tons/year)	
Priority Pollutant	Parameter	Construction	Operation
Ozone	VOC		
Ozone	NO <sub>x</sub>		
Particulate matter	PM <sup>10</sup>		
Carbon monoxide	CO		

2. Name of area: \_\_\_\_\_

***J. Environmental evaluation of feasible project alternatives including “no project”***

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***CERTIFICATION***

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached exhibits present the data and information required for this initial evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_